vide a quantum jumps in computational power and capabilities with existing hardware for Indian utilities and for promoting a Sophisticated level of software exports; if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONIC AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): As per the policy on the Computer Software Export, Software Development and Training announced in December, 1986, foreign collaboration and/or foreign investment in software development activity for exports and/or domestic markets will be permitted as per provisions of FERA. Software development for domestic market will be permitted to wholly owned Indian companies and companies having foreign equity upto 40 per cent. Companies with foreign equity exceeding 40 per cent will be permitted only for 100 per cent export projects.

Under the frame work of the above policy, about sixteen foreign collaborations have been approved by the Government of India in the area of Computer Software.

Exploring possibilities for Manuacture by commercial plants

1655. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state whether an expert group has been set up by the Planning Commission to explore the possibilities of undertaking manufacture of commercial planes within the country; if so, what are its findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): Yes, Sir. A group has been set up by the Planning Commission to study the prospects of manufacture of civilian aircrafts and components in the country.

The group has not completed its work.

STD faclities in Nagaland

1656. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major part of Nagaland including the Mon and Tuensung districts do not have any STD facilities;

(b) whether the norms for introducing STD Electronic Exchanges and improving the telephone facilities through microwave system are not being applied with the same vigour in Nagaland as in other States; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the border districts of Nagaland are likely to be provided with STD facilities and the Electronic exchanges would be set up in different towns of that States; and

(d) the details of the schemes formulated if any, till date, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Uniform norms are being applied throughout the country including Nagaland.

(c) and (d) One district in Nagaland is now provided with STD facility. The remaining six district headquarters are likely to be provided with STD facility by March, 1990.

At five stations in Nagaland Electronic Exchange, have been commissioned. Electronic exchange facility is planned to be extended to six other stations by 1990-91. 8 Digital radio links are also planned to be commissioned during 1990-91.

Government Hospitals

1657. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government Hospitals in the country and beds provid-